

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 52
Antigo – Lily
Wolf River Bridge
Langlade County**

Project ID: 9175-06-00



**January 26, 2016
6 to 8 p.m.
Langlade Town Hall
Lily**

Purpose of the meeting

Welcome to the public involvement meeting to discuss the bridge over the Wolf River, located on WIS 52 in the town of Lily.

The objective of today's meeting is to discuss the proposed improvements, answer questions, and obtain your input. The meeting will follow an open house format to provide you an opportunity to review project plans and ask questions about the project.

Proposed improvements

The purpose of this proposed project is to address the existing WIS 52 bridge over the Wolf River. The 79 year-old structure is nearing the end of its service life.

We are proposing to replace the existing truss bridge with a concrete girder span bridge that meets current design and safety standards.

Other proposed improvements include:

- Replacing the deteriorating pavement leading up to the bridge
- Replacing the guardrail
- Installing new pavement markings and signs
- Improving safety by removing the Old 55 Road connection to WIS 52

Proposed traffic management during construction

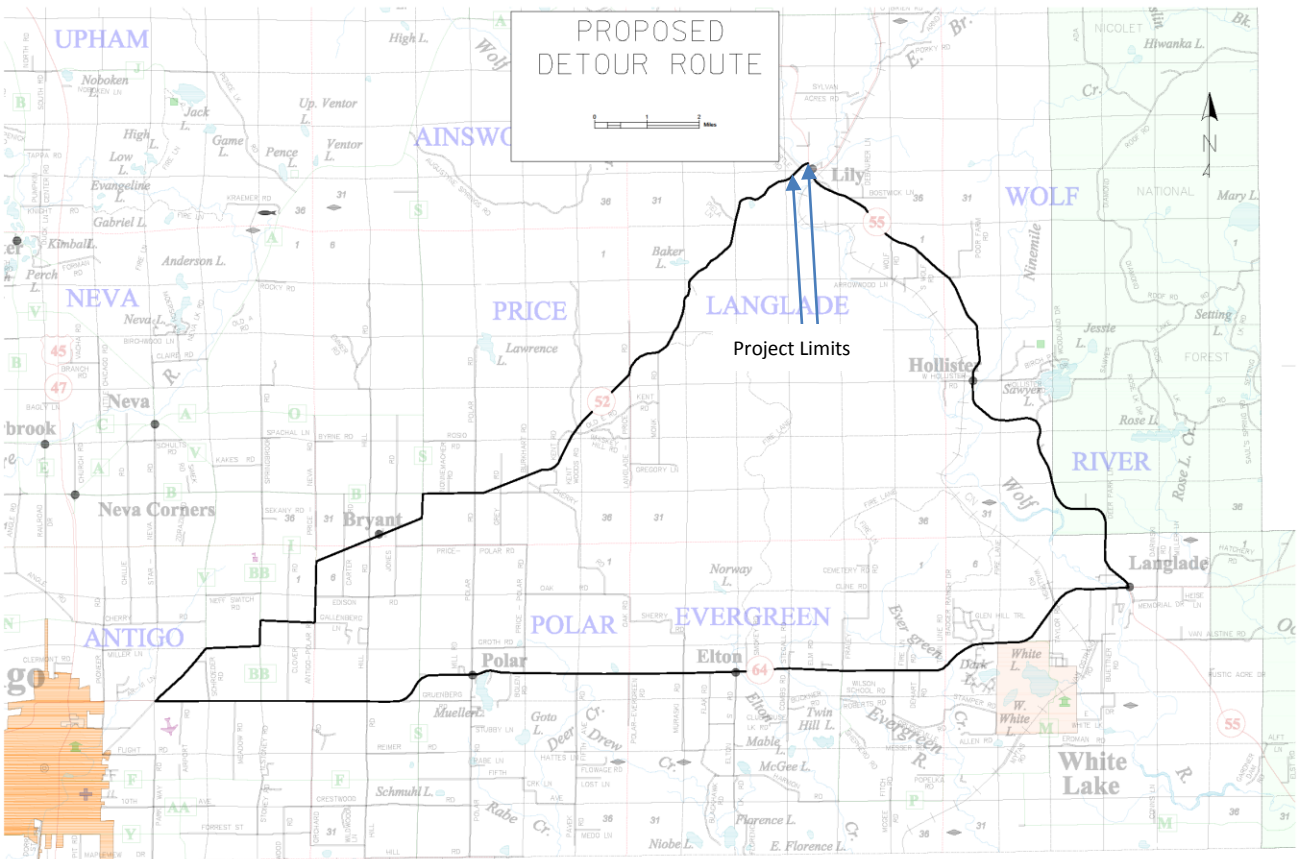
Construction is currently expected to begin in June 2018, but could occur as early as 2017.

We researched several options to keep the bridge open to traffic during construction. All of the options significantly increased costs and time to construct. They also included additional environmental and adjacent property impacts.

On December 14, 2015 we met with area local officials and emergency management representatives to discuss the purpose and need for the improvements and the traffic management options.

Based on all of the project information and local input obtained, we are proposing to close the bridge and detour WIS 52 (at the bridge) during construction. We are proposing to detour traffic via WIS 52, WIS 64 and WIS 55.

Wolf River Bridge location/detour map



Access to the boat landing from WIS 52 on the west side of the bridge will remain open during construction. There will be no boat traffic allowed under the bridge during construction. Boaters will need to portage, if possible, at this location. A clearly marked path will be put in place to guide portaging traffic around the work zone.

If constructed in 2018, the new bridge is expected to reopen to traffic by September 2018.

Real estate

Keeping the bridge open to traffic during construction would include the purchase of adjacent property; driving up costs and delaying the project schedule.

The preferred alternative (closing the bridge during construction) does not require the purchase of any real estate.

Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments about the project before **February 9** or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also email your comments to the contacts listed below.

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

For more information, please contact:

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For project information, and to sign up for project updates, please visit the project website:

<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/52wolfriverbridge/default.aspx>

Public Involvement Meeting Comment Form

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Daytime Phone Number (optional): _____

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Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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